



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant: Roger P. Jackson

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For: ANTERIOR EXPANDABLE SPINAL FUSION CAGE SYSTEM

Kansas City, Missouri

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Kindly enter the following preliminary amendment prior to
first action on the continuation of this application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims as noted.

The following are the amended claims in clean format.

31. An apparatus for positionally stabilizing adjacent
vertebrae of a spine by promotion of bone fusion
between the adjacent vertebrae, said apparatus
comprising:

- a) an anteriorly expandable implant adapted to
promote bone growth between the adjacent

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